

Villagers honour first Cornishman to receive Victoria Cross



THE medals of a gallant Mousehole soldier whose body lies in an unmarked grave have been replicated to take their place of honour in the Royal British Legion (RBL).

Villagers gathered at Mousehole RBL on Sunday to honour Joseph Trewavas, the first Cornishman to receive the Victoria Cross, for courage in the Crimean War. The hero's original medals form part of the Penlee Gallery collection fol-

lowing an auction purchase by Penwith District and Penzance Town Councils.

The cost of the replicas were met through the fund-raising antics of Milton Coward who did a parachute jump to raise £940.

Joseph, who married and raised a family in Mousehole, was sadly stricken with a paralysis in later life and died in unfortunate circumstances at the age of 69 in 1905. A plaque, which was unveiled

in 2002, hangs in Paul Church to commemorate the Mousehole boy who came home a hero.

■ Pictured are, from left, Irene Flaxman, Ben Ayles-Evans, Milton Coward, Nik Evans, Roberta and Stella Ayles-Evans and Jonathan and Pamela Ayles-Evans.

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